

35315 Bogsmill Road Bin Removal

What process led to the Waste Facility at Bogsmill Road, in an area of natural beauty being removed?

Access issues and health and safety concerns were raised by the drivers of the vehicle which service this bin. These were reviewed by the Waste and Cleansing Supervisor and Waste and Cleansing Area Manager to assess the risks involved and the mitigations required. A decision was taken to remove the bin. Local Elected members were notified of this decision at the time of the removal.

I would like to view any requests from members of the public requesting removal of the waste facility and on what grounds.

There were no specific requests from members of the public to remove this bin.

I would like to view any complaints from members of the public following the removal of the waste facility.

Please refer to the attached Complaints document.

Third-party personal information has been redacted from the documents provided in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

I would like to see a written Council Policy that applies to removal of existing waste facilities with specific reference regarding policy and reasoning /justification for removal.

The litter bin siting policy can be found on the Council's website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1146238/waste-and-cleansing-policies-litter-bin-siting-policy>.

Please note the section on health and safety considerations for accessing bins.

Explanation of how the removal of this waste facility in Colinton/Craiglockhart Dell may be applied in other areas of natural beauty within our city.

Please refer to the above-mentioned policy.

Explanation of why, reports of fly tipping entered on Edingov web pages are routinely being reported back as being resolved when in fact they are not. We have photographic evidence that this problem is ongoing and has been ongoing from the day the waste facility was removed.

Enquiries have been dealt with on a daily basis and are being closed as the dog fouling (which is being logged as fly-tipping/littering) once it is removed. Unfortunately, this illegal activity reoccurs. Additional Street Enforcement patrols have been deployed to this location.

Explanation of why waste dept in Edingov do not see the removal of waste facility in an area of natural beauty as detrimental to the area with respect to fly tipping and general public health.

Please refer to the above policy. Alternative bins are available in the area.

Please provide the formal Risk Assessment would have been carried out to underpin and substantiate the decision that was taken to remove the waste facility.

Please refer to A1 above. A formal Risk Assessment was not required.